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to poll the translator for each copier machine, to obtain copier machine status information, from the remote location.

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• 13. The system of Claim 1 wherein the means for transmitting information and commands between the translator for each copier and the remote location is taken from the group comprising telephone lines, hardwiring, fiber optics and RF transmission/reception.

14. The system of Claim 1 further comprising means to read keystrokes generated on the copier from the remote location.

15. The system of Claim 14 wherein the means to read keystrokes generated on the copier from the remote location comprises a predetermined number of latches within the first component of the translator, said latches capturing column sense signals generated by keystrokes on the copier keyboard and at the remote location and read by the copier control computer to activate a specific function, wherein the latches are read by the central processing unit of the first component and evaluated for copier specific information which is transmitted to the remote location.

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